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# **HEARING SET FOR GILA RIVER MAN CHARGED WITH HATE CRIME MURDER**

**PHOENIX, ARIZONA** -- The United States Attorney's Office for the District of Arizona, announced today that a Motion to Suppress Evidence will be heard Monday, January 14<sup>th</sup>, 2002, before United States District Judge James A. Teilborg in CR 00-1198 PHX, in which defendant AARON RAY JAMES MIGUEL is charged with the murder of a Gila River Indian Community man. The murder allegedly occurred on or about October 31, 2000, followed by arrest of the defendants in November of 2000. The United States has filed a Notice of Intention to Seek Sentencing Enhancement, providing notice that it intends to seek a special verdict at trial that MIGUEL, and co-defendant DORIAN BROWN, intentionally selected the victim because of actual or perceived sexual orientation of the victim.

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An indictment is simply the method by which a person is charged with criminal activity and raises no inference of guilt. An individual is presumed innocent until competent evidence is presented to a jury that establishes guilt beyond a reasonable doubt.

The investigation preceding the indictment in this case was conducted by the Federal Bureau of Investigation and the Gila River Police Department

The prosecution is being handled by Michael Kemp, Assistant United States Attorney, District of Arizona, Phoenix, Arizona.

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